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Gibraltar, April 26. *N. S.*

THE 16th Inſtant Mr. Methuen, Her Majeſty of Great Britain's Envoy Extraordinary to the King of Portugal, ſailed hence to Tangier on board the Swallow Prize. The 19th the Flamborough Man of War gave chaſe to ſome Satees which were going out of this Bay, laden with Stores, *&c.* from the Enemy's Camp: She took one that was laden with Wine, and forced aſhore and ſunk two more, which the Priſoners ſay had 8 or 9 great Guns on board. The 20th the Enemy ſet fire to their Gabions and Faſcines in ſeveral places. The 21ſt in the morning a Trooper deſerted from them, and came over to us with his Horſe and Accoutrements, who informed us, That the Enemy are marching off all their Forces, except a ſmall Detachment of Foot, and about 200 Horſe and Dragoons, who are to guard a Paſs two or three Leagues off; and that they have quitted their Trenches: So that they have at laſt entirely raiſed this Siege, which had continued near 7 Months, and wherein they had loſt a very great number of their Men; and had the Mortification of ſeeing themſelves baffled in all their Attempts, by the Vigilance, Courage and Bravery, of the Gariſon. A Party of the Enemy's Horſe advancing in the afternoon upon ſome of our Men, who were ſtraggling without Arms about the Enemy's Works, the Prince of Heſſe, our Governor, ſent out a Party of Miquelets againſt them, who having attacked them, the Enemy ſoon retreated. We loſt the Captain of the Miquelets, and two or three more, who were killed; and a Lieutenant of the Earl of Donegall's Regiment, with 6 more of thoſe that were ſtraggling, and a Spaniſh Officer, who were taken Priſoners. A Drummer was ſent to demand them the next morning, and they were ſent back except the Spaniard, whom the Marquis de Villadarias refuſed to releaſe. The 21ſt ſome Barcalonga's, laden with Powder from the Enemy's Camp, which were deſigned for Cadiz, by ſome Accident took fire, and blew up. On the 22d returned into our Bay the Swallow Prize from Tangier, with 3 French Men of War in chaſe of her; our Ships retiring under the Guns of the new Mole, the Enemy's Ships went to an Anchor on the other ſide of the Bay. The next day, being St. George's-Day, the whole Gariſon appeared under Arms in the afternoon, and being reviewed by the Prince of Heſſe, marched and lined all the Works about the Town: There was a treble Diſcharge of all the great Guns, and at each time a running Fire of all the ſmall Arms, with Fireworks from the Caſtle, and other Rejoycings. This morning by break of day the 3 French Men of War, and under their Convoy ſeveral Satees and Barcalonga's, ſailed out of the Bay to the Weſtward.

Dantzick, May 9. General Schuylemberg, who commands a Body of the King of Poland's Saxon Troops, having in vain endeavoured to hinder the Staroſt of Kiow's joining the Swediſh Forces at Cracow, is returned to Breſcici, where the Crown-General is at preſent with the Poliſh Forces under his Command. The latter has iſſued his Summons to all Officers belonging to the Crown Army to join him, in order to maintain their King upon his Throne againſt the Efforts of his Enemies. The new Elected King Staniſlaus is now at Reuſſen: It was reported that he intended to call together the Chief of his Party at Warſaw, and that their Aſſembly was to have been opened the 15th Inſtant; But it is now ſaid, that upon the Cardinal Primate's refuſing to be preſent at it, he had put it off, at leaſt for the preſent. General Stromberg continues at Cracow with 3000 Swedes, beſides the Polanders who adhere to the Staroſt of Kiow. Another Body of Swedes is marching from Lowicz towards Warſaw.

Paris, May 18. *N. S.* The King is ſtill at Marli, and is pretty well recovered of his late Fit of the Gout. All the Military Officers that are to ſerve abroad this Campaign are gone to their reſpective Poſts. Our Advices from Merz ſay, That the Marſhal de Villars was drawing his Army together in two Bodies, one near Thionville, and the other near Saar-Louis, which were to join near Sirques whenever there ſhould be occaſion. Letters from Italy give an Account, That the Siege of Mirandola was carried on very vigorouſly, notwithſtanding the badneſs of the Weather; and that our Forces had begun to fill up the Ditch; but that the Gariſon continued to defend it ſelf with great Bravery and Reſolution. A Reinforcement of 8000 Men was marching from Piedmont to join the Grand Prior, to enable him to make head againſt Prince Eugene, who was already arrived near Verona, and had taken from our Troops ſeveral Poſts which they had poſſeſſed themſelves of near the Lake di Garda, particularly Iſola della Scala, the Forces which were there being all killed or taken Priſoners, and the Caſtle of Deſenzano, the Gariſon whereof ſurrendred upon Articles.

Falmouth, May 19. On the 14th and 15th Inſtant there paſſed by this Port a conſiderable number of outward-bound Merchant-men, under Convoy of ſeveral of Her Majeſty's Ships. The 16th came in here Her Majeſty's Ships the Southampton and Lizard, and under their Convoy about 80 Sail of ſmall Veſſels, bound to Briſtol, Milford, Swanzey, and other Ports. The 17th another Fleet of outward-bound Merchant-men paſſed by this Place to the Weſtward, under Convoy of two of Her Majeſty's Ships. Yeſterday the Queen Anne, a Privateer of Flushing, brought in here two Prizes, one called the Hope of Deep, laden with Brandy, and bound from St. Martins to Dunkirk; the other named the Namur, belonging to Bayonne, and bound from thence to Nantz, with a Cargo of Pitch, Tar, and Sheep-skins. This day the Southampton and Lizard put to Sea again, with the Veſſels under their Convoy.

Briſtol, May 19. Laſt night came into this Port the Wyneberry of Leverpoole, William Bennet Maſter, from the Maderas, but laſt from Ireland. The ſame Tide came in the Roſe of Dublin from the Iſle of Man.

Plimouth, May 20. On the 16th Inſtant ſailed hence divers outward-bound Merchant-men, under Convoy of two of Her Majeſty's Ships. The ſame day ſailed Her Majeſty's Ships the Southampton and Lizard, with